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EAST ASIA BRIEF 010.

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1.//AUSTRALIA: CANBERRA HAS REDUCED IMPORT TARIFFS 25 PERCENT IN AN EFFORT TO SLOW INFLATION. DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1973 PRICES ROSE AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 13 PERCENT, THE HIGHEST RATE IN 21 YEARS. WHILE THE TARIFF REDUCTION WILL MAKE FOREIGN GOODS MORE COMPETITIVE IN THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET, IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON IMPORTS FROM THE US, MANY OF WHICH ALREADY ENTER AUSTRALIA DUTY FREE OR WITH NOMINAL TARIFFS.

US EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA REACHED \$470 MILLION DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 35 PERCENT ABOVE THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE INCREASE WAS DUE IN PART TO CURRENCY REALIGNMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR APPRECIATED 19 PERCENT AGAINST THE US DOLLAR. (CONFIDENTIAL)//

2. JAPAN-USSR: THE PRESIDENT OF JAPAN'S EXPORT-IMPORT BANK WILL VISIT MOSCOW IN MID-AUGUST TO DISCUSS CREDIT TERMS FOR

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THE YAKUTSK NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION PROJECT. THE TWO SIDES WERE UNABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS JUST CONCLUDED IN TOKYO. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. CHINA: CHINA'S PROVINCES ARE BEGINNING TO REPORT ON THE SPRING CROP. THIS CROP, MAINLY EARLY RICE AND WHEAT, ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT A THIRD OF THE ANNUAL HARVEST. PARTIAL FIGURES FROM WIDELY SCATTERED AREAS INDICATE SOME IMPROVEMENT OVER A RATHER DISAPPOINTING SHOWING LAST YEAR, LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED ACREAGE UNDER CULTIVATION.

PEKING IS NEVERTHELESS CAUTIONING AGAINST PREMATURE OPTIMISM. RECENT RADIOBROADCASTS FROM SEVERAL PROVINCES HAVE STRESSED THE NEED "VIGOROUSLY TO PURSUE CRASH REAPING AND SOWING." THIS SORT OF APPEAL IS MADE EVERY YEAR, BUT IT SOUNDED ESPECIALLY URGENT THIS YEAR. WEATHER HAS DELAYED HARVESTING AND REPLANTING IN SOME AREAS AND YIELDS MAY BE REDUCED.

THE POLICIES IMPLEMENTED IN THE SPRING TO BOOST THE CROP CAME TOO LATE TO AFFECT THE EARLY HARVEST DRAMATICALLY; THEIR FULL IMPACT WILL NOT BE FELT UNTIL THE FALL OR EVEN LATER. AS IN

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THE PAST, THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS AND CAPRES WERE SENT DOWN TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO JOIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TEAMS. THIS YEAR SOME MARGINAL INDUSTRIAL PLANTS WERE CLOSED, AND THE RAW MATERIALS DUE THEM WERE DIVERTED TO ENTERPRISES MORE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH AGRICULTURE. THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS THUS RELEASED WERE SENT TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION TEAMS TO PROVIDE A POOL OF SKILLED LABOR AT THE COMMUNE LEVEL. THIS PROGRAM MAY, IN THE LONG RUN, PROVE THE MOST BENEFICIAL OF ALL.

GIVEN THE PRESENT CONCERN OVER HARVEST PROSPECTS, THE REGIME IS UNLIKELY TO EXPERIMENT WITH ANY RADICAL POLICIES DURING THE GROWING SEASON. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO APPLY MAXIMUM RESOURCES TO AGRICULTURE BETWEEN NOW AND THE KEY FALL HARVEST IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. CHINA: OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, PEKING HAS SIGNED CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENTS WITH FIVE COUNTRIES—NORWAY, SWEDEN, DENMARK, CANADA, AND GREECE—AND INITIALED ONE WITH THE UK. CHINA NOW HAS 19 SUCH AGREEMENTS WITH NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

NONE OF THE LATEST AGREEMENTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTED.

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CANADA AND THE UK ARE LIKELY TO INAUGURATE FLIGHTS THIS YEAR, BUT SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES WILL NOT BEGIN FLIGHTS UNTIL SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. CHINA'S NATIONAL AIRLINE IS WAITING FOR THE BOEING 707S IT ORDERED LAST YEAR BEFORE EXPANDING SERVICE TO AFRICA AND EUROPE. FLIGHTS TO THE US WOULD BE A LOGICAL EXTENSION OF CANADIAN AND EUROPEAN ROUTES.

A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AIRLINES IS THE RELUCTANCE OF MOSCOW AND TOKYO TO GRANT LANDING RIGHTS TO FLIGHTS ENTERING OR LEAVING CHINA. MOST AIRLINES BELIEVE THESE LANDING RIGHTS ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE SERVICE TO CHINA ECONOMICAL. TOKYO WILL PROBABLY RELAX ITS RESTRICTIONS IF A SINO-JAPANESE AVIATION AGREEMENT IS NEGOTIATED. TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE DEADLOCKED ON THE ISSUE OF NATIONALIST CHINESE FLIGHTS TO JAPAN. THE SOVIETS MAY BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO GRANTING LANDING RIGHTS NOW THAT THEY HAVE SIGNED A CIVIL AIR PACT WITH PEKING.

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1. USSR-ROMANIA: THE US EMBASSY IN BUCHAREST REPORTS THAT SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN ROMANIA ARE GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE A BIG SHOW OF THEIR CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS. THEIR ACTIONS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY DESIGNED TO HEIGHTEN ROMANIA'S SENSITIVITIES OVER SO-CALLED "GREAT POWER COLLUSION." THE EMBASSY ALSO REPORTS THAT IT HAS "ADVISED" KEY ROMANIANS OF THESE CONTACTS AND BELIEVES THE ROMANIANS FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET GAME.

(CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ROMANIA: BUCHAREST, ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN A HIGH PROFILE ON NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE, IS GIVING THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT'S TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT GREATER ATTENTION IN THE MASS MEDIA. MOST RECENTLY, THE PARTY'S THEORETICAL BIWEEKLY CARRIED A LONG ARTICLE BY DR. VICTOR DUCULESCU ENTITLED "THE SOVEREIGN STATE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE UPCOMING FOURTH NONALIGNED CONFERENCE, DUCULESCU LAUDED NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND CHARACTERIZED THE EMERGENCE OF NEW STATES AS DESTROYING

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PARTY, AND VLASKALIC WAS CLEARLY ON HAND TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL RESOLVE AGAINST WITCHHUNTERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY DEMANDING THAT MORE LIBERAL HEADS ROLL. VLASKALIC EMPHASIZED THAT GREATER UNITY IN THE LEADERSHIP WAS NECESSARY TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL PARTY CONGRESS AND URGED THE PARTY TO SEIZE "DECISIVE" INFLUENCE IN ALL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

THE LECTURE TOUR BY THE SERB LEADER RESULTS FROM NERVOUSNESS IN BELGRADE THAT THE EFFECTS OF FACTIONAL EXCESSES IN THE VOJVODINA COULD SPILL OVER INTO SERBIA ITSELF. VLASKALIC GAVE HIS BLESSING TO PURGES ALREADY CONDUCTED IN THE PROVINCE, BUT HINTED THAT A LACK OF DUE CAUTION MUST BE REMEDIED.

THE FACT THAT BAKALI ACCOMPANIED VLASKALIC CREATES AN OVERALL IMPRESSION OF TOP LEVEL SERB SUPPORT FOR THE KOSOVO PARTY LEADER, WHO HIMSELF HAS RECENTLY FACED CRITICISM AT HOME.
{CONFIDENTIAL}

4. BULGARIA: LAST WEEK'S PARTY PLENUM ENDED THE FALL FROM POWER OF FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER ANGEL TSANEV. "THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERED IT EXPEDIENT TO RELIEVE {TSANEV} OF HIS

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POSITION AS BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBORG CANDIDATE MEMBER
AND REMOVE HIM FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. COMRADE ANGEL TSANEV
WILL RETIRE."

TSANEV LOST HIS POST AS INTERIOR MINISTER LAST APRIL IN A
MAJOR SHAKE-UP OF THE MINISTRY. AT THAT TIME, THE BULGARIAN
PRESS ANNOUNCED TSANEV WOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE STATE
COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE. PRESUMABLY HE WILL LOSE THIS JOB AS
WELL. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL INDICATION AS TO WHERE TSANEV
WENT WRONG. THE CURRENT SCANDAL OVER CORRUPTION IN BULGARIA'S
BALKAN AIRLINES MAY HAVE REACHED INTO HIS MINISTRY. ALTERNATIVELY,
HE MAY HAVE VOICED RESERVATIONS ABOUT FOLLOWING MOSCOW'S LEAD IN
RAPPROCHEMENT WITH THE WEST AND/OR ABOUT SOFIA'S MORE FORTHCOMING
ATTITUDE TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA ON MACEDONIA.

THE PLENUM'S THREE DAY SESSION HAD AN AURA OF SECRECY.
ZHIVKOV'S KEYNOTE SPEECH AND THE ADDRESSES OF OTHER SPEAKERS
HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC. THE PUBLISHED RESOLUTION DOES
NOT BEAR OUT PREVIOUS EXPECTATIONS THAT THE PLENUM WOULD
ENDORSE BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE WEST AND SPECIFICALLY WITH

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THE US. THE DOCUMENT DOES CHARGE THE POLIBURO WITH "DRAWING UP MEASURES TO EXECUTE THE TASKS" ARISING FROM ZHIVKOV'S REPORT. {CONFIDENTIAL}

5. HUNGARIAN: A NORTH VIETNAMESE PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION HEADED BY PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG CONCLUDED AN EIGHT-DAY STAY IN HUNGARY ON 23 JULY AND THEN LEFT FOR POLAND. THE AGENDA INCLUDED A SHORT SESSION WITH PARTY LEADER KADAR. TALKS FOCUSED ON THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE ICCS, THE LEVEL OF HUNGARIAN AID TO HANOI AND THE GENERAL TENOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

FOLLOWING MOSCOW'S EARLIER LEAD, BUDAPEST ANNOUNCED THAT VIETNAMESE REPAYMENT OF HUNGARIAN CREDITS WOULD BE CANCELLED. IN CONTRAST TO THE SOVIETS, THE HUNGARIANS WERE ABLE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VIETNAMESE ON "FREE CREDIT AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE" FOR 1974. NO DETAILS OF THIS ACCORD HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

KADAR'S RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATION, ~~NOT~~ NOT STRICTLY REQUIRED BY PROTOCOL, UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE BUDAPEST ATTACHES TO ITS PERFORMANCE ON THE ICCS. THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF A MORE FLEXIBLE HUNGARIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS

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CHORE. PERHAPS IN COSMETIC DEFERENCE TO THE SUPPOSED "INTERNATIONALIST" CHARACTER OF ITS ICCS JOB, BUDAPEST IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE LAUDED THE "POSITIVE ACTIVITIES" OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE" IN FULFILLING THE PARIS ACCORDS. IN CONTRAST, RECENT SOVIET PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT VOICED MOSCOW'S "FIRM SUPPORT" FOR THE DRV AND THE PRG. TO AVOID MISINTERPRETATION OF THIS MORE GENEROUS LANGUAGE, BUDAPEST WENT ON TO STRESS BOTH THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS' RESPECT FOR THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THEIR DEMAND THAT WASHINGTON AND SAIGON DO LIKEWISE. IN THE RECENT SOVIET-DRV COMMUNIQUE, MOSCOW ALLOWED THE VIETNAMESE TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD, BUT DID NOT ASSOCIATE ITSELF DIRECTLY WITH THE DEMAND ON WASHINGTON. THE HUNGARIAN-DRV COMMUNIQUE CURIOUSLY OMITTED ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEUTRAL VIETNAM, A CONCEPT THAT WAS CONTAINED IN THE SOVIET-DRV COMMUNIQUE. {CONFIDENTIAL}

B. E. GERMANY: THE EAST GERMANS HAVE TAKEN A NOVEL STEP TO COUNTERACT WESTERN CRITICISM OF GDR BORDER POLICY.

WITH THE TENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL JUST DAYS OFF, WEST

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BERLINERS HAVE BEEN REACTING STRONGLY TO PANKOW'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL WESTERN ACCESS TO EAST BERLIN DURING THE FESTIVAL, AND TO SHOOTINGS OF ESCAPEES ALONG THE WALL. ON 20 JULY THE SENAT AND COMMANDANT OF THE FRENCH SECTOR PROTESTED THE LATEST SHOOTING AS A "BLOODY INCIDENT" AND PUNTOINTELY NOTED HOW ANACHRONISTIC SUCH ACTIONS ARE IN A TIME OF DETENTE. IN REACTION, THE EAST GERMANS TOOK THE UNPRECEDENTED ACTION OF EXPELLING THE CAPTURED ESCAPEE TO PROVE THAT HE WAS UNHARMED, DENOUNCING HIM AS A COMMON CRIMINAL.

THE EAST GERMANS OBVIOUSLY WILL NOT CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH ESCAPE ATTEMPTS BY EXPULSION. INDEED, WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED MASS ARRESTS TO DISCOURAGE ESCAPE EFFORTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)
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TO: WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 010.

1. ARGENTINA: IT IS INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT JUAN PERON IS UNLIKELY TO SATISFY THE DEMANDS OF THE LEFTWING ELEMENTS LOOSELY GATHERED UNDER THE PERONIST BANNER.

SOME 30,000 SUPPORTERS OF PERON AND PERONIST GUERRILLA GROUPS GATHERED SATURDAY OUTSIDE PERON'S HOME DEMANDING HIS IMMEDIATE ASSUMPTION OF THE PRESIDENCY. POLICE PLACED A CORDON AROUND THE DEMONSTRATORS TO HEAD OFF VIOLENCE, INCREASINGLY FREQUENT BETWEEN LEFT AND RIGHTWING ELEMENTS OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT.

PERON AND PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT LASTIRI MET WITH SEVERAL YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES, AND A FLOWERY MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM PERON WAS READ TO THE CROWD AFTERWARD. PERON CONCLUDED HIS MEETING BY NAMING SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER LOPEZ REGA AS HIS LIAISON WITH THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS--A MOVE THAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUICKLY REJECTED BY THE YOUTH. THE DEMONSTRATORS^{OR} CHANTED HOSTILE SLOGANS AGAINST LOPEZ REGA AS WELL AS LASTIRI AND JOSE RUCCI, HEAD OF THE POWERFUL GENERAL LABOR CONFEDERATION.

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3. BOLIVIA: THE LATEST CHAPTER IN THE CONTINUING MELODRAMA OF BOLIVIAN POLITICS IS THE CONTROVERSY GENERATED BY THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF AN UNSIGNED MANIFESTO, HEADLINED AS THE WORK OF A GROUP OF YOUNG OFFICERS IN COCHABAMBA. THE DOCUMENT DEMANDS A VARIETY OF NATIONAL REFORM, BUT STOPS SHORT OF A CALL FOR REVOLUTION. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE OFFICERS ADVOCATE AN INDUSTRIALIZATION POLICY ENDING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN CAPITAL, THE AVOIDANCE OF MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN PARTISAN POLITICS, AN EFFORT TO REDISTRIBUTE NATIONAL WEALTH, AND ALIGNMENT WITH THE THIRD WORLD. THE GOVERNMENT, HAS PUBLICLY DESCRIBED THE DOCUMENT AS "APOCRYPHAL" AND SAYS IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF MILITARY OFFICERS. IN AN EFFORT TO PROVE ITS POINT, THE ADMINISTRATION IS BRINGING SUIT AGAINST TWO NEWSPAPERS THAT PUBLISHED THE MANIFESTO, APPARENTLY CHARGING THAT THEY DISSEMINATED MISLEADING AND HARMFUL INFORMATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ARGENTINA: NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY TO CHOOSE A VICE-PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT

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RADICAL LEADER BALBIN IS BY NO MEANS A SHOO IN.

DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY BALBIN STATED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT RUNNING WITH PERON AND "WAS SURPRISED AT ALL THE PUBLICITY AND COMMENT." HE ADDED THAT AN "ARTIFICIAL THEME HAS BEEN CREATED OUT OF A NONEXISTENT POSSIBILITY." PERON EVIDENTLY HAS NOT YET FORMALLY OFFERED THE SLOT TO BALBIN. THE RADICAL LEADER'S STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN AN EFFORT TO FORCE PERON'S HAND.

IN THE ABSENCE OF A DECISION ON THIS MATTER, OTHER NAMES ARE BEGINNING TO BE MENTIONED AS THE DIVERSE SECTORS OF PERONISM SURFACE THEIR FAVORITE SONS. LEFTIST YOUTH GROUPS ARE PUSHING FORMER PRESIDENT CARPORA AND SOME LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE SAID TO FAVOR SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER LOPEZ REGA. A POSTER CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED YESTERDAY IN BUENOS AIRES EVEN DEMANDED THAT PERON'S WIFE ISABEL GET THE SPOT.

A RADICAL PARTY CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE ON 28 JULY TO DEBATE BALBIN'S CANDIDACY AND PERON PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION BEFORE THAT MEETING. WHOEVER PERON

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CHOOSES WILL HAVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MILITARY IF HIS PLANS FOR A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT ARE TO BE REALIZED. AT THIS POINT BALDIN SEEMS TO BE THE CANDIDATE MOST ACCEPTABLE TO THE MILITARY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

//5. CUBA: THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS COMMEMORATING THE ATTACK ON THE MONCADA BARRACKS ARE NOW IN FULL SWING. THE FESTIVITIES BEGAN IN HAVANA ON SUNDAY WITH A MILITARY PARADE, THE FIRST SINCE 1968. MINISTER OF THE ARMED FORCES RAUL CASTRO GAVE THE MAIN ADDRESS AND FIDEL, ALTHOUGH PRESENT, TOOK NO ACTIVE ROLE. THE PARADE FEATURED NO NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SUNDAY'S EVENTS ALSO INCLUDED A MAMMOTH BANQUET FOR THE NUMEROUS FOREIGN DELEGATES.

OTHER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED THIS WEEK INCLUDE A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT, AN ENTERTAINMENT EXTRAVAGANZA BY 1,700 PERFORMERS, AND AN AIR-NAVAL REVIEW. CASTRO IS EXPECTED TO MAKE THE TRADITIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON 26 JULY AND MAY USE THE OCCASION TO SET THE STAGE FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE OF "NON-ALIGNED" NATIONS TO BE HELD IN ALGERIA IN SEPTEMBER.

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TO GUARANTEE AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR TO THE CELEBRATION, CASTRO HAS INVITED NUMEROUS FOREIGN NOTABLES AND HAS PRESSED FOR HIGH-RANKING REPRESENTATIONS FROM SO-CALLED "THIRD WORLD" NATIONS, BUT THE ARRIVING DELEGATES ARE LOWER IN RANK THAN THE CUBANS HAD HOPED FOR. NO HEAD OF STATE IS EXPECTED AND ONLY TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE ARRIVED SO FAR. APPARENTLY OTHER INTERNATIONAL STARS DO NOT WANT TO BE UPSTAGED BY CASTRO OR TO GIVE THE CUBAN LEADER A HEAD START IN THE RACE FOR THE LEADERSHIP ROLE AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM)// (THESE ITEMS HAVE NOT BEEN COORDINATED) E-2IMPDET.H

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TO: MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 010.

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R//2. AFGHANISTAN: A WEEK AFTER A WELL-EXECUTED COUP, PRESIDENT DAUD APPEARS TO BE IN FULL CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY.

A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED, BUT DAUD IS SERVING AS PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND DEFENSE MINISTER. MOST MILITARY UNITS HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM KABUL, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION IN THE PROVINCES, AND REPORTS THAT THE KING WOULD ATTEMPT TO RETURN HOME SEEM TO BE BASELESS.

DAUD'S FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MODERATE AND HE HAS WON RECOGNITION FROM A NUMBER OF STATES, INCLUDING PAKISTAN AND IRAN, BOTH OF WHICH NEVERTHELESS REMAIN DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF HIS INTENTIONS. (SECRET)//

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82. EGYPT: SPEAKING ON REVOLUTION DAY YESTERDAY.

PRESIDENT SADAT HAD LITTLE TO OFFER THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE BEYOND CONTINUED MISGIVINGS ABOUT UNION WITH LIBYA, DISTANT BUT STILL AMICABLE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW, AND STRONG ATTACKS ON US MIDDLE EAST POLICY. HE DID NOT, AS HE HAS ON OCCASION IN THE PAST, SET NEW DEADLINES FOR MOVING TOWARD A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

SADAT SEES NO MERIT IN A FULL AND IMMEDIATE MERGER WITH LIBYA. IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THE "MARCH ON CAIRO," HE NOTED THAT EMOTIONS ARE NOT A BASIS FOR UNITY AND THAT THE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN UNITY IS ITS SUBSTANCE RATHER THAN ITS FORM.

SADAT DEVOTED MOST OF HIS ATTENTION TO CAIRO'S RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS AND THE US. HE TOOK THE POSITION ON THE USSR THAT, ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES EXIST, EGYPTIANS MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FRIENDS. HE CRITICIZED THE LEVEL OF SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

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BUT NOTED THAT EGYPT HAS BEEN REASSURED OF CONTINUING
SOVIET POLITICAL SUPPORT.

SADAT DEALT HARSHLY WITH ~~THE~~ US ACTIONS AT THE
UN MIDDLE EAST DEBATE, STATING THAT EGYPT WILL NOT
WAVER IN THE FACE OF US ULTIMATUMS ABOUT A VETO.
HE CHARGED THAT US POLICY ON A MIDDLE EAST SETTLE-
MENT HAD CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AND ACCUSED THE US
OF WORKING TO PRESERVE THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE INTER-
ESTS OF FURTHERING ISRAELI ADSORPTION OF THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES. SADAT REJECTED THE US PROPOSAL FOR
"PROXIMITY TALKS" ON AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT; INDEED,
HE REJECTED THE IDEA OF NEGOTIATING AT ALL WITH IS-
RAEL.

THESE REMARKS REFLECT SADAT'S CONTINUED FRUSTRATION AT
CAIRO'S INABILITY TO INDUCE MOVEMENT TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.
DESPITE HIS FRUSTRATION, SADAT DID NOT, AS HE HAS
IN THE PAST, CALL FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL.
PROTESTING THAT HE WAS NOT POSTPONING THE BATTLE, SADAT

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EMPHASIZED THAT CAIRO WOULD HAVE TO REASSESS THE MEANS BY WHICH EGYPT CAN REGAIN ITS TERRITORY. THIS REASSESSMENT IS TO BE PREPARED OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS AND, SADAT SAID, WILL DETERMINE EGYPT'S POLICY FOR THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DECADES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. LIBYA: ■PRESIDENT QADHAFI APPARENTLY HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE, AT LEAST UNTIL UNITY WITH EGYPT IS PROCLAIMED.

DURING A SOMEWHAT SUBDUED SPEECH YESTERDAY TO ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS, QADHAFI STATED THAT HE WOULD REASSUME LEADERSHIP OF LIBYA FOR THE SAKE OF ALL THOSE CALLING FOR HIS RETURN. ACCORDING TO E. E. LY REPORTING, HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT THE DIRECTION OF THE PROPOSED MERGER WOULD ULTIMATELY DETERMINE HIS FUTURE. THE LIBYAN LEADER TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS THAT HE, LIKE OTHER MEN, IS SUBJECT TO HUMAN FRAILTIES AND "ONE GETS TIRED, DISGUSTED, AND BORED WITH POLITICS--

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PARTICULARLY ARAB POLICIES." HE CATALOGUED A LONG LIST OF DIFFERENCES WITH HIS EGYPTIAN PARTNERS OVER SUCH ISSUES AS THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND PLANS FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT THE TONE OF HIS REMARKS WAS NEITHER ANTAGONISTIC NOR CONDEMNATORY. NEVERTHELESS, HE EXPRESSED LITTLE WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON HIS CONCEPT OF COMPLETE UNION OR ON HIS COMMITMENT TO A POPULAR, ISLAMIC REVOLUTION. BY LINKING HIS LEADERSHIP TO THE PROPOSED MERGER, QADHAFI APPARENTLY STILL HOPES TO GAIN SOME CONCESSIONS FROM CAIRO. PRESIDENT SADAT, HOWEVER, APPARENTLY DOES NOT INTEND TO BOW TO LIBYAN PRESSURES. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.H

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